

Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining 2012 Legislative Session

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ENERGY/MINERAL BILLS

	Coalition of Energy Producing States	Rep. Barrus	Bill to amend legislator energy coalition created in 2011 Session.	Bill file opened.
	Energy Revisions	Sen. Bramble		Bill file opened.
	Liquified Petroleum Gas Amendments	Sen. Bramble	Assume bill affects the retail market but will monitor.	Bill file opened.
	Severance Tax Amendments	Rep. Nielson	Anticipate bill will increase the O&G severance taxes to a trust fund versus the General Fund.	Bill file opened.
	Utility Facility Siting	Rep. Sagers	Assume this affects electric distribution but will monitor.	Bill file opened.

ADMINISTRATIVE BILLS

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	Economic Development Task Force	Rep. Wilson	Creates a Task Force (8 of 13 = Legislators) to recommend how economic production can be increased in Utah. Includes reduction of regulatory barriers, increase exports, more high pay jobs, and more businesses. Reports due Nov 2012 and Nov 2013.	Bill file opened.
	Financial Transparency Website	Sen. Niederhauser		Bill file opened.
	GRAMA Amendments	Sen. Bramble		Bill file opened.
	Open Meetings Amends	Rep. Dougall		Bill file opened.
	Open & Public Meeting Amends	Rep. Powell		Bill file opened.

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	Procurement Amendments	Sen. Niederhauser	Creates penalties for not adhering to purchasing code. Requires more benefit analysis to allow low bid to not be awarded a contract; more training and reporting; multi-year contract clarification.	Bill file opened.
	Retirement Modifications	Rep. Ipson	Annual bill which edits the URS code. One example is exemptions to Tier I will also be allowed for Tier II retirement.	Bill file opened.
	Statutory Construction – Computation of Time	Sen. Valentine		Bill file opened.
	Utah State Personnel Mgmt Act Amendments	Rep. Daw		Bill file opened.
	DEQ Boards Revisions	Sen. Dayton	Reduces number of Board members to 9. Permit appeals moved from Board to Exec. Director, after an ALJ review/recommend.	Bill file opened.
	DEQ Boards Adjudicative Proceedings	Sen. Dayton	Streamlines the appeal process from a full trial to an administrative records review.	Bill file opened.

Potential Bills Impacting DOGM/Energy:

Minerals Blasting, Rep. Edwards (address constituent concern with blasting, e.g. gravel sites)

Surface Owner Protection (address split estate concerns)

Eminent Domain re O&G (address 2011 Supreme Court decision)

Energy Tax Incentives, Sen. Adams (On agenda but not heard at Nov. Interim)

Minerals Hearing Process (informal hearing to Director vs formal hearing; Optimization Comm.; may defer to 2013)